SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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CAN THE SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL YARD BE SAVED? ken hoegger, editor

As tax payers, we're all painfully aware of the increased values of our homes and land. Yet, as valuable as land is, some land is barely used. In fact, some land is used only for recess and lunch. Have you ever walked past that isolated and empty piece of land known as the Sunnyside Elementary School Yard? The odds are extremly high that your view between the two cyclone fence boundaries will be unimpeded.

In 1972, parents, teachers, and the community of an elementary school in the Bay Area, helped to develop an exciting concept in school yard land use, referred to as the "Environmental Yard".

The "Environmental Yard" was a demonstration of how an underused neighborhood space can be used to the benefit of the entire community. This yard served as a learning environment. It was used as a curriculum resource in the day to day functions of the school. The yard also served as a place for creative play for children who could be exposed to living systems. The yard became a living community park serving the play and learning needs of the children.

Robin Moore, the design consultant of this school yard, will attend our February 7th Association

THOUGHTS FROM EVA
eva piersol, president

CONCERNED CITIZEN.....
You don't have to attend SNA meetings to get things done. Flo Mitchell of Mangels street noticed that the new street sign was misspelled; she dashed a letter off to Myron Tatarian at the Department of Public Works and it was corrected. So don't just sit there and "stew"; help the Association out by doing just what Flo did. Many thanks!

DOG LITTER CAMPAIGN
Yes, the SNA is attempting to get the litter and dog problem corrected. We have been promised a patrol in our neighborhood soon. This patrol will come into the neighborhood and spend approximately a whole month viewing the situation, giving citations and making whatever corrective measures may be needed.

BOY SCOUT TROOP
The SNA has become the sponsor of Troop 135. Max Deleuse will serve as coordinator. As President, I have offered to help Max with programs that the scouts wish to carry on. Parents, please volunteer any of your free time for this very worthy program for the young people in our neighborhood. Call Max at 586-7420 or myself at 558-4161.

meeting. Mr. Moore is a U.C. professor of design research. He will be available for questions following a forty minute slide and audio presentation by David de Montluzin, the show's producer. The show includes a history of the project, illustrations of how the school uses the yard as a curriculum resource, and the community reaction to the completed yard.

Mr. Cory Gin, the head coordinator of San Francisco School Yard facilities, will attend our February meeting to assess the communities reaction to the show. Mr. Allen Sebank, Sunnyside Elementary School principal expressed his enthusiasm for the project by sending a letter to each parent with a child in the school, and each teacher on the staff of the school, requesting they attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

We encourage all residents to attend this meeting. Even if you do not have a child in the Sunnyside school, the Board of Education has discussed changing Sunnyside into a neighborhood school. Come to the meeting even if you don't have children, as this school yard design serves the entire community during after school hours. Questionaires will be provided to aid you in sharing your viewpoint. Don't forget to bring your kids, their viewpoint is the most important.

THE EARLY DAYS OF SUNNYSIDE thomas w. malim, sunnyside historian

In earlier days, water to the homes came from wells, and the higher one lived up the slope the deeper the well. The area was well supplied with streams and springs, even on the slopes. The earliest recorded hookup for a commercial water supply was in 1909 by the Spring Valley Water Co., to a house at 663 Mangels Avenue. The eventual filling in and paving over of the streams and springs caused them to seek other routes, and there are many homes in Sunnyside today built over underground streams.

With the advent of Prohibition, Sunnyside, being sparsely settled and somewhat isolated from The City, became a Bootleggers paradise. Swarthy men in dark suits and Borsalino hats would rent a vacant house that was quite a distance from others. Stills were set up in basements and empty bedrooms, and the air of Sunnyside became rendolent with the odors of fermenting corn, and all the other goodies that go into the making of a prime batch of Grog. On Saturday nights, the bean and rice sacks of the friendly neighborhood grocers were well stocked with bottles of the local product. It was no problem at all to reach down into the sack, shove the beans and rice aside, and produce a pint for four bits. That method of supply was strictly the property of the working man. As this district was mainly settled by workingmen, they needed a little relaxation after six days of hard work. The more learned residents got theirs from a more genteel source, but it was the same booze.

Occasionally, some of the still operators would get carried away in the tasting of their own product, and forget to watch the boiler. The end result was a large explosion, and their heads suddenly cleared of alcoholic fumes, they promptly vacated the property. The sound of the alcoholic sonic boom in an area was the signal for all those nearby to rush into the empty bootleggers house and carry away anything that wasn't screwed down. It is rumored that in one instance, two men came in with a pile of wet gunnysacks, and carried away the hot stove on which the evenings meal had been cooking.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Housing Conservation Institute has a position available for a Mortgage Loan Specialist. A local foundation has provided the Fund's program with a substantial grant to assist in the purchase of new homes and the rehabilitation of existing properties. A limited number of interest-free loans will be made to help families, particularly those with children, pay part of a downpayment or pay part of the cost of needed home improvements.

Salary being offered is $18,000 per annum. All applications shall be submitted to the Housing Conservation Institute at 315 Granada Ave. no later than February 15, 1978. Please include a cover letter and an outline resume of your education, experience, etc. including dates, salaries, descriptions of duties and other pertinent details.

For further information, call HCI at 586-8000.

LANDSCAPE PROJECT ken hoegger

A landscape project has been proposed for the strip of land on the south side of Monterey Boulevard where Circular meets Monterey. Mr. Jackson, the owner, has expressed an interest in discussing landscape possibilities with the Association.

Mr. Jackson would be willing to pay for material costs provided the Association donates the labor. Sunnyside Correspondence Secretary, David Wall, offered to solicit the services of the City College Horticultural Department for this project.

A meeting with the owner, the Association, and a landscape consultant will be held a ½ hour prior to our February 7th monthly meeting. Everyone is invited.

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Elizabeth Paulson, a resident of 527 Hearst since 1923 remembers the sound of croaking frogs in the marsh area to the rear of her backyard. This marsh area is presently the site of City College.

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Mrs. Paulson remembers digging for potatoes while fending off goats on the hills above Monterey Boulevard.

If you have memories or old photographs of the way Sunnyside once was, please contact this editor at 586-7400.

QUICK ACTION ON HEARST

On November 16, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Strain circulated a petition requesting a stop sign on Hearst and Gennessee. They collected 70 signatures. The SNA promptly wrote a cover letter of endorsement and forwarded the petition to the Department of Public Works. Within five weeks a stop sign was placed on Hearst Ave. at Gennessee.

The Strains are now considering a petition for a stop sign on Gennessee at Hearst in order to slow traffic. They would appreciate the opinions of the residents around the Hearst-Gennessee intersection. Call 587-1174.

BEEN RIPPED OFF LATELY?

In our previous Newsletters we discussed the Consumer Fraud Unit's Complaint-Mobile. If you need help with a consumer fraud problem, the District Attorney's office Complaint-Mobile will be at 24th and Mission every Wednesday of February and March between 12 and 3 pm.

February 22 at 7:30 p.m. the Consumer Fraud Unit wil conduct a special seminar, "How to win in Small Claims Court". Mission Library at 3359, 24th st.

JOB TRAINING

The Bayview Hunter's Point Skills Center, San Francisco Community College District is offering a free training program. The center is designed for those who want to be trained for immediate employment; those who want to complete high school or enter college, and those who are senior citizens.

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SNA CALENDAR

February 7th "Environmental Yard", slide and audio presentation.

February 28th Public hearing on Residential Zoning Revisions (includes Sunnyside area) Herbert Hoover Junior High School, 2290 14th Ave., 7:30 pm.

March 7th Discussion on "The Impact of the new zoning changes in Sunnyside" Guest from City Planning.

April 4th Followup discussion on Sunnyside School Yard.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm, St. Finn Barr's Church Hall, at Edna and Hearst.

CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS DE EL SNA

Febrero 7 Presentacion de transparencias de la yarda de la Escuela de Sunnyside.

Marzo 7 Discusion de el tema "El impacto de los nuevos cambios de tipo de zona en el Distrito Sunnyside.

Abril 4 Continuasion de las platicas acerca de la yarda de la esoela Sunnyside.

Todas las reuniones seran en el auditorium de la Iglesia de St. Finn Barr's a las 8:00 pm

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*Par la comunidad de habla hispana de la comunidad de el distrito de Sunnyside: Habra una reunion en el Auditorio de la Iglesia da St Finn Barr's Feb. 7 8:00 pm Se tratara de buscar diferentes usos de la yarda en la escuela Sunnyside. Es muy importante su asistencia.

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